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El nino's エルニーニョ

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No. 1 Boys, n America

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El nino～エルニーニョ～

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と、昨年に
60大社の3
く、カスカ
47、70
たスー
②サ
ミナ
スト
は

を
集
水
下
地
活
入
引
運
送

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（一）
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It is food!

Ding dong

Dou-
moto's
egg rolls!

Dou-
moto's
egg rolls!

Oh!
Doumoto's
egg rolls!

Are you
only
looking
at my egg
rolls?

You
guys

USA?!

I can go to
university
in the USA.

Father
said.

Did you
show the
magazine?

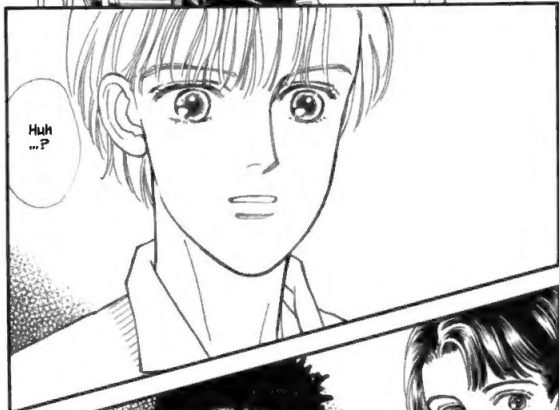
You
can
eat
any-
thing.

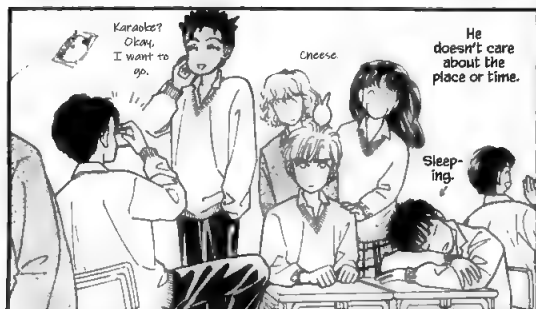
Yeah,
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showed
it.

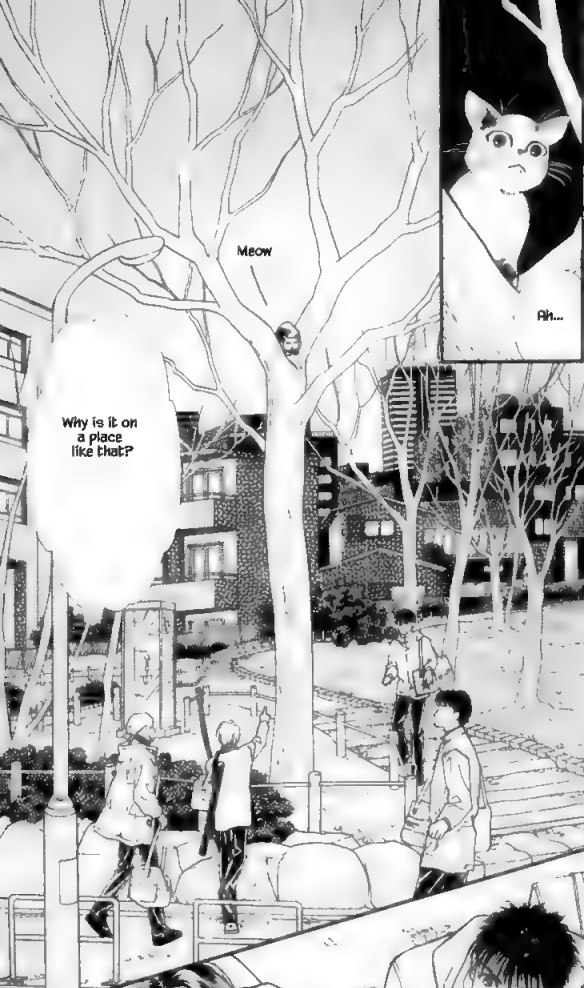




Assistant's work (Research)







Meow

Why is it on a place like that?



Ah...



The cat is crying.

MEOW

MEOW

From above?

The cat is sometimes like that.

She climbs up all the way there and can't get down.

She can't get down?






Sfx: Clench

Sfx: Step





I didn't know
Doutomo
would say that.

Sfx:
Jump

Ah!

What
are
you
saying?

It's
dangerous,
so come
down
now.

Huh?

Sfx: Thump

I am
near
her
now.

Then
drag
her
down
now.



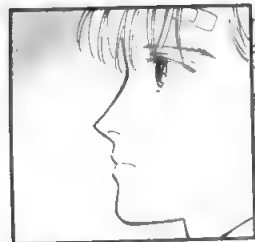
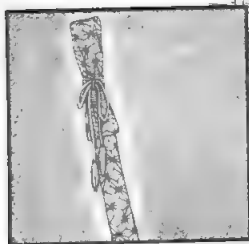




Sfx: Haha







I just
gave an
evasive
answer

You are
known as
missing
because of
a reason.

Sfx:
Rattle

ガッ 1992

ガッ 1992



修道館



He
came
here
this
morning.

He will
stay
in our
house
for
some
time.



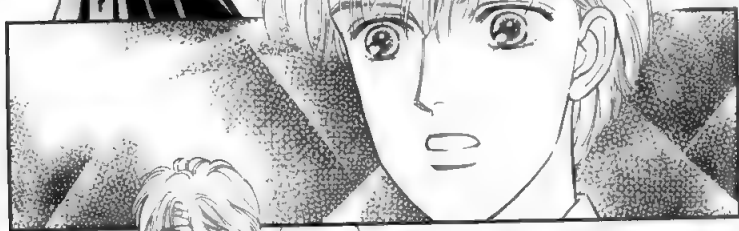
Huh?

Old
man?!

Sanno-
manu.



Shoot



He
doesn't
look old.

That
is an
amazing
skill.

The string
is thin,
I would have
broken it.

It is a
good
sound?

...
Yes!

His
breath is
white
though.

Simon
is very
serious
too.



It
struck
another
arrow.
This
sound
now...

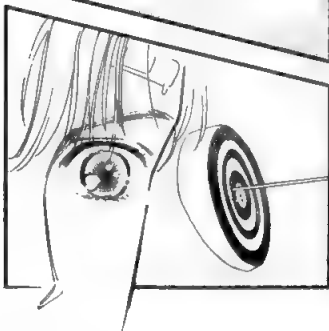
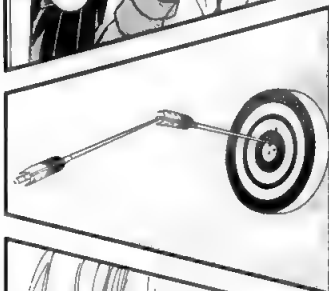
Shoot

A little.
He is sweating...!



Yes
?

Rah,
have to
fix it
again.



Sfx: Tap





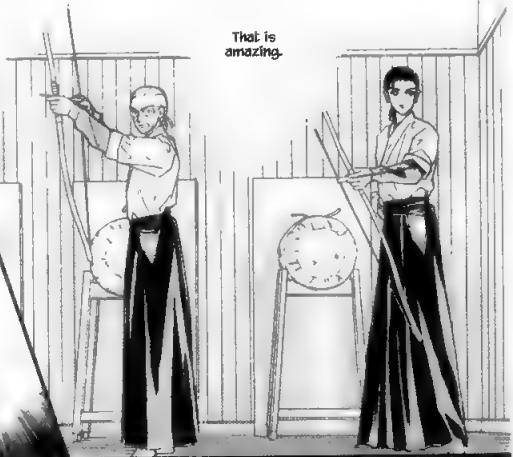
That is so
amazing.



Itchy

Itchy

Ah~ I
want to
become like
that now.

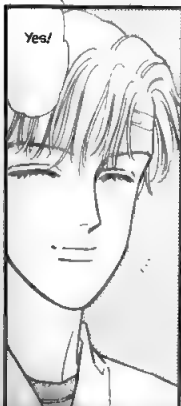


That is
amazing.



Huh?







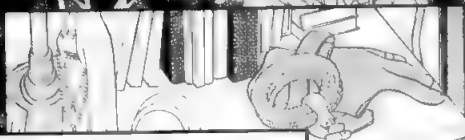
if something happens, come to my house. I will give you counsel.

Yes.

If it's about women or anything.



.....



Simon's world is always in front of me.

It always pushes me a lot.



And Doumoto and friends are-

And my family is behind me.



This
is no
good.

I tried not to trouble
people and only talked
through basketball
and archery
until now...



When
I start
talking
with
people
as me.

I
suddenly
can't
understand
them, and I
can't talk.

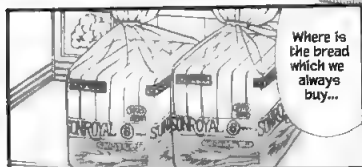


Ah, let's
go to-
gether.



I am
going
to a
con-
venience
store,
do you
need
anything
?

Mi-
chael.





Your face looks like a middle-aged woman.

Riko...



Ah! Hiro, look at this.



I am sorry. I am sorry.

Be careful! It's dangerous.

Kyaa~

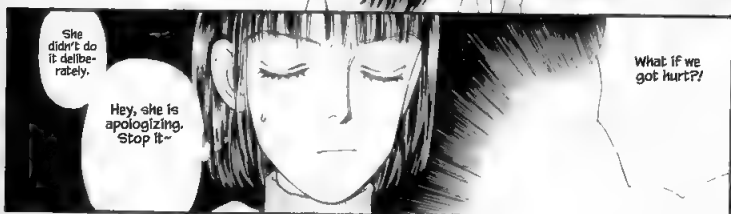


The young people these days,

They don't know that they are troubling other people.

Huh? Yes?

They don't care about what society thinks.



She didn't do it deliberately.

Hey, she is apologizing. Stop it~

What if we got hurt?!







"When you
are with
the kid that
you like."



"I see."



Silent



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No.

I don't
think
so...



What will you
do with Riko?

Will you
take her?



Is it... a man.

Fablen
?

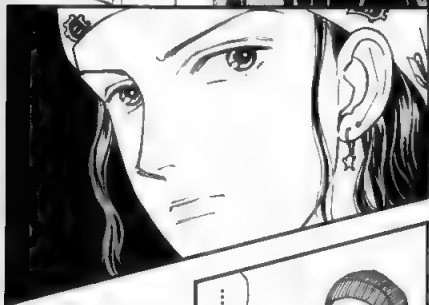


Who
was
that?

The
man
in my
dream.



Magazine: Basketball

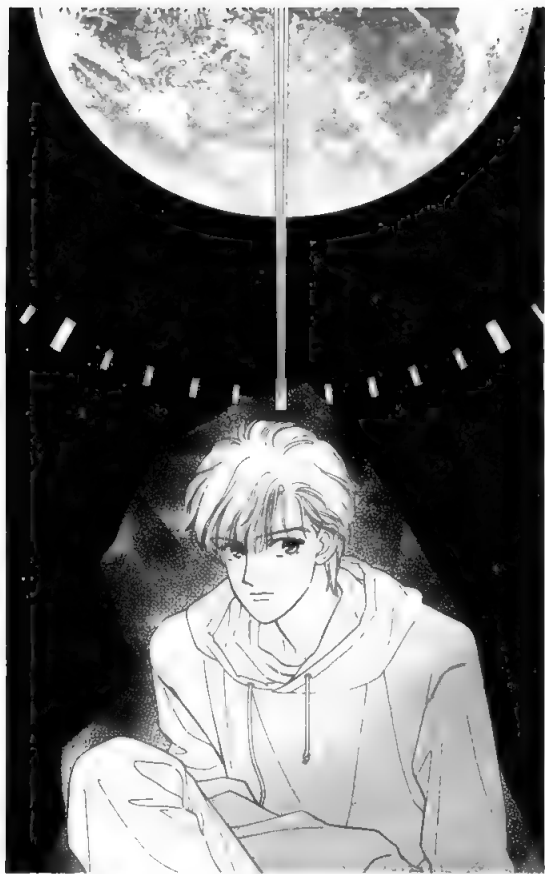


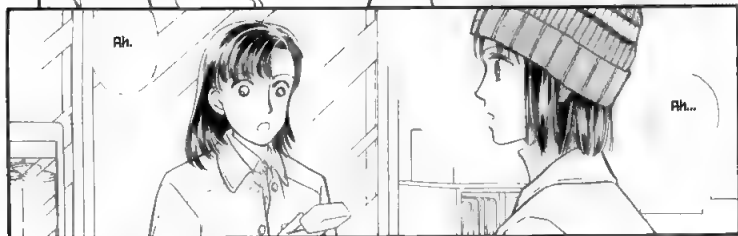
Sfx: Drop



Sfx: Bump











Huh?

Step

I am so
dumb.

I
didn't
realize
it.

Michael
is
cunning.

She is
definitely in
love with
Michael.

That
lecher!



Did you
go to the
convenience
store?

I am
going
there
now.



No,
I will...

What
are you
going to
buy? I
will go.



Look ...
I forgot
to buy
this...



It's
okay.

Don't
go
to that
shop!

Michael
should
be at
home.



I think he is not
realizing it,
but Michael...

He is a
lecher!



Ciang



I can't
under-
stand
Riko
these
days...

??



The old
man
is here.

Come
to
think
of it.



Ah...



I will
give you
counsel
about
women
and
anything.



That
is
right.



What?

He is
going to
see the
practice
too.

Yes, he
is going
to be in
Tokyo
during
winter.

Do you
mean
that old
man?!



Ah~

It's the
old man!

A member
who is seeing
him for the
first time.

You
look
cool
today
too.

Kids~

Have
you
been
well?

No, I
told him
that I will
go alone!

Did
you
come
with
him?
Simon.

Yes,
I am
the
driver.



You
really...you
treat me
like an old
man.

80
years
old.



He has
never
been here
before,
and I am
worried
about
his body.





You
really
worked
hard
today.



You
shouldn't
drink and
drive too.

Haha.

Just
one
bottle.



No,
that is
amazing.

It is
a story
older
than
20
years.



You
advanced
to the
national
tournament.

With a
basket-
ball club
with
only ten
mem-
bers.



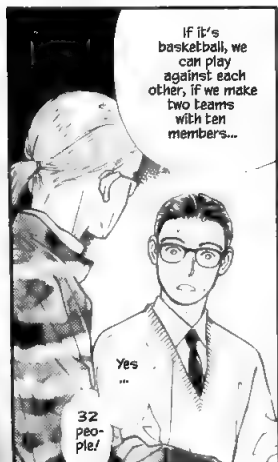
Excuse
me, but i
asked
around
about
you.

Sakaki-
bara.

Yes?



It was before
he was born,
so he never
heard about it.



If it's
basketball, we
can play
against each
other, if we make
two teams
with ten
members...

Yes
...

32
people!



It
couldn't
be
helped.

In all
schools,
there were
only
32 male
students
...

And we
didn't
have
much of
another
school
near us.

Cool delinquent
old man Takatori.

(The man in this
household usually
has the name of Taka or
Shu. Simon is
adopted so he
doesn't have a name like
that, but other
cousins are
like that). It is
fun to think of
the clothes of
the old man,
but a hard thing
is the eyes.



Killer Loop sunglasses!

If I am going to
use this, I should
use Killer Loop
sunglasses who for
the first time in
the world, made a
sunglass for the
old people's sight.



You
must
be
having
a hard
time.

No,
not
much.



We don't
have many
connections
and not
experienced
...

So, we
have a
practice
match
this
weekend.



I thought that
it would be an
easy job when I
became the
coach.

We
were a
weak
team
until
last
year.



I first knew
what
basketball
is like.

It
was...

I be-
came.

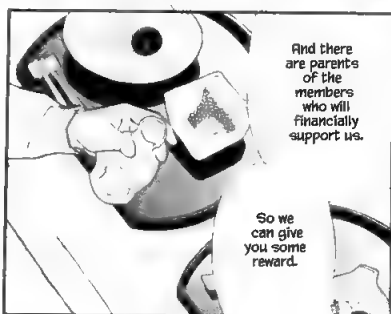
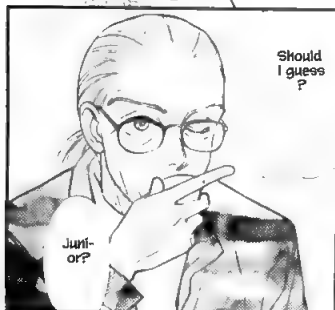
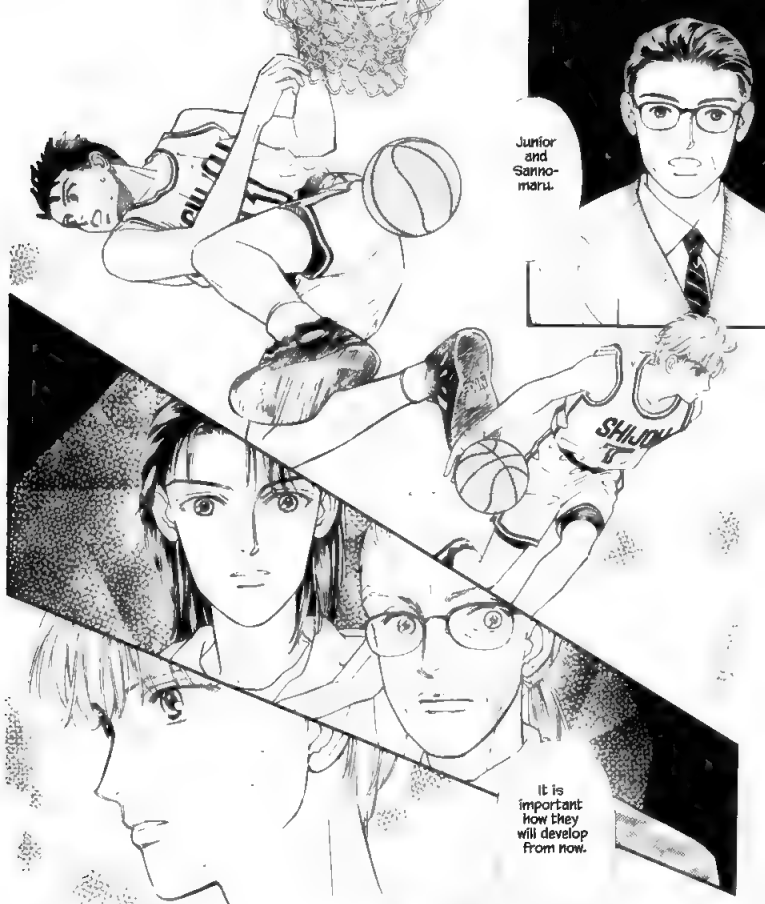
a fan of
our team.

But.

This
year
was
diffe-
rent.

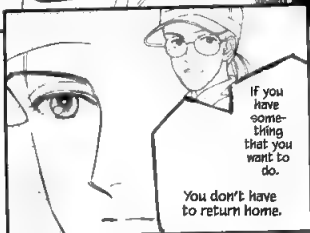


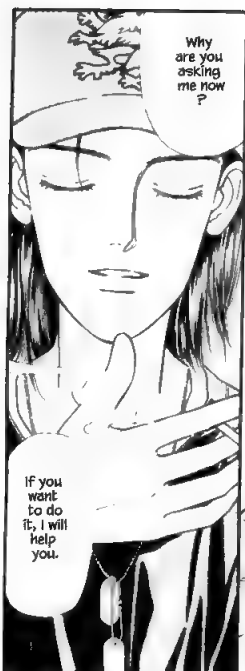












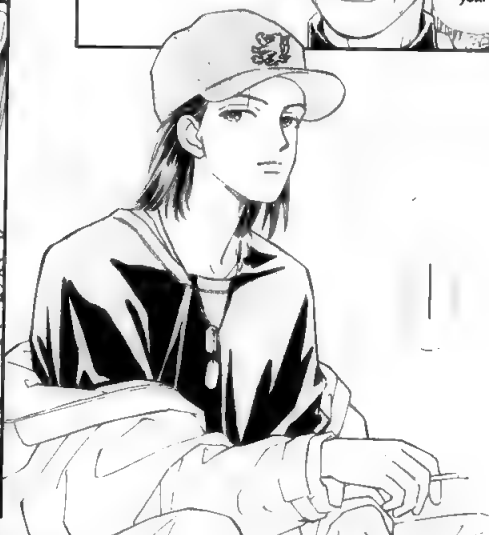
Why
are you
asking
me now
?

If you
want to do
it, I will
help
you.



Can I
do it?

I am
sorry
to
annoy
you.



And
contact
me on my
cellphone,
I will
go pick
him up.

Please
take
care of
grand-
father
until the
nearest
station.

Okay.



Sanno-
man!

Yes!



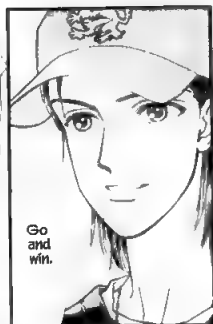
Today is
the practice
match? Where
are they
going?

Well...
Chiba.



Yes.

I feel relieved when he
is with grandfather.



Go
and
win.



Yes!





What
do you
mean?

He smelled
like Chinese
street or the
Indian shop.

Suddenly
...

Is it
incense
...

The
train is
coming in
2nd line.

Rain



Sfx: Crowded

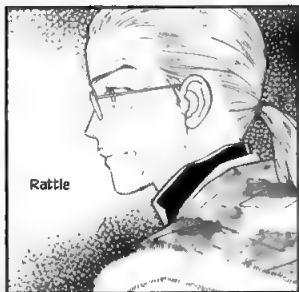


Sfx: Haha



Yeah.

I feel
excited
some-
how.



Rattle



Is there
really...
a destiny?



Rattle



'Now it's okay'.

It's like the
god thought
that and made
them meet.



Rattle



Rattle



Rattle

Rattle



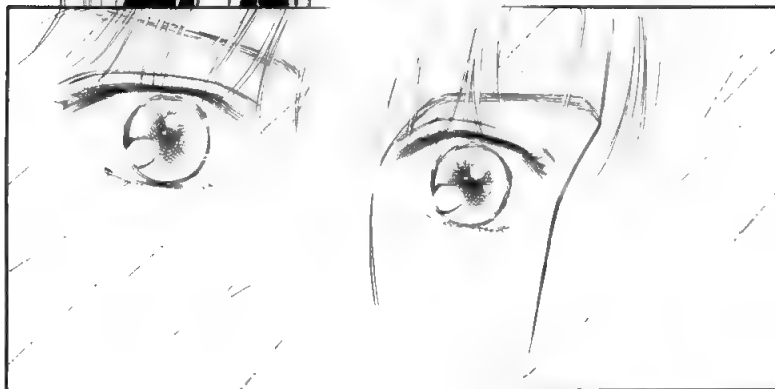


Rattle



'You
can
meet'.

One day the
god thinks
that...





Sfx: Rattle

Sfx: Rattle



Sanno-
maru?!

Hey.

Sannomaru?!



Roasted sweet potato.

But now it's winter and I am selling different things.

おいちー
おいち

Roasted sweet potato.



selling the bamboo pole.

I was going to start,

I didn't know ...

Bamboo pole business for hanging the laundry changes to roasted sweet potato business in the winter.



I should try to sell lots of them near a Women's university...

Cunning

I don't know the knowhow of this business well yet.

Yummy roasted sweet potato.



Huh?

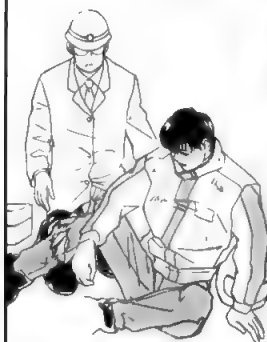
Is there an accident?



Shocked



It has nothing...
to do with
Sannomaru.

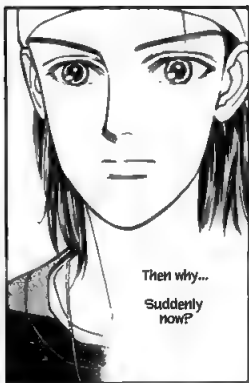


He can't be here at such a time.

What is it?

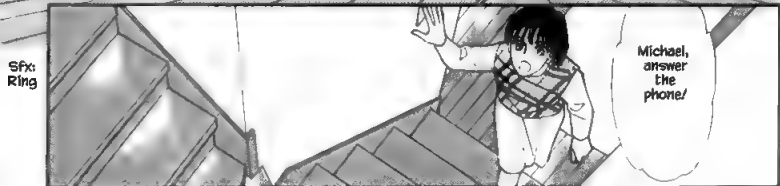


Sfx:
Wee
Woo



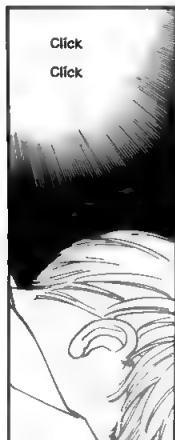
Sfx: Beep





Sfx:
Ring

Michael,
answer
the
phone!



Click
Click



I don't
know if
something
happens
later!

Is it
okay?
It's
Simon.



Tell
them that
I am
sleeping
now!



Father.

Huh?

!?



I'm home.

Sfx: Close



Sfx: Move



Michael?!

Bang



I have something to tell you.

Please come for a moment.



Fabian.

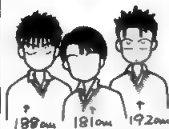
He
was
...

Alive
...!



Sfx: Beep

This manga has a high average age for characters, but also it has a high average height for characters too. They are basketball club members. (Actually, there are even 2 m tall players in the world)



He doesn't play basketball, but Simon is tall too. Is it because he has the blood of Romori citizens? (Romori has the tallest people from all over the country. And they have the shortest life span...) Michael has a similar height with Simon, but he is 16 years old, so he could grow taller?

I can't forgive you.

Be smaller!

Maybe if Michael don't become taller than Simon, the world will be peaceful.

That.. that makes no sense...

He said told Riko that he is sleeping now?

It's not yet 7 pm...

It's okay. He safely went home.

He got off at the next stop, so everybody was surprised.

No explanation.

Did he not explain anything? Sannomaru.

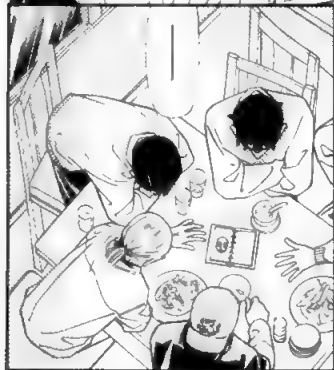
But who is the man on the train across from him?



He looked
like he
saw the
ghost...

It
was
like
...

Well
...



A
feeling
like
this.



What
kind
of guy
was
he?

Yeah... He
definitely
looked like
a foreigner.

A man
who
looks
like he
is a
similar
age to
Simon.



Huh
?

I can't
remember
his hair.

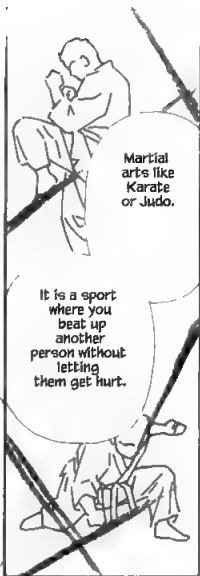
Was he
bald?





They really cheat and poke you in the eyes.

In that regard, a beginner is scary.



Martial arts like Karate or Judo.

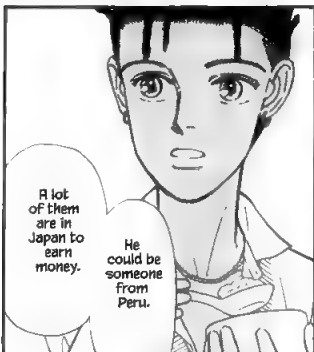
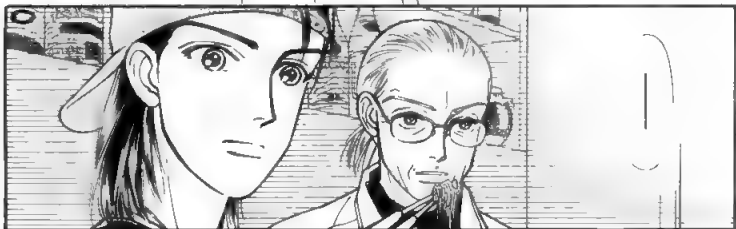
It is a sport where you beat up another person without letting them get hurt.

He had such scary eyes.



He looked dangerous ...

He didn't feel like it would be okay to make him angry ...



A lot of them are in Japan to earn money.

He could be someone from Peru.



Well ...? I don't know.

Isn't he from an international school?

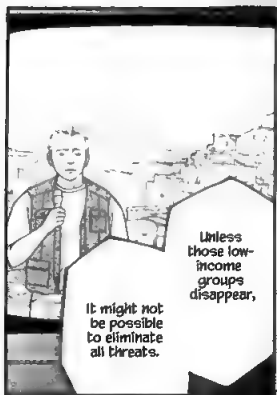


Crunchy



She has received a life sentence for buying weapons and planning to attack the parliament.

A USA woman who was a member of the Peru terrorist group.



It might not be possible to eliminate all threats.

Unless those low-income groups disappear,

Yes.

It is a country where they have terror.



President Fujimori is trying to defeat all terrorists after he became the president.



I couldn't go to school.

I had to work.



Can you still like me?

You might not know the honest version of me.



It looked like a wasteland...

Is it a house?

Maybe I don't
know anything,

about
Sannomaru.

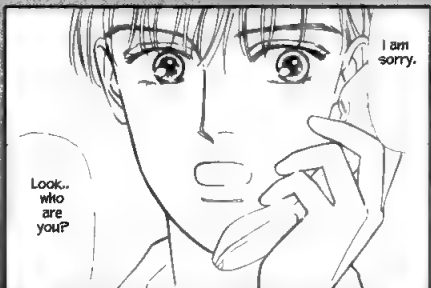
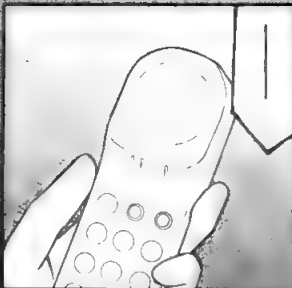
I thought that I knew
him in many ways...

.....

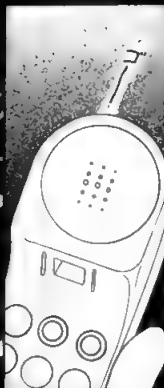




Sfx: Click



Sfx: Woosh



Woosh

Look
...

*Uminari: It means that the sea is making a sound before the storm.

Uminari
...?

What
happened?
Yesterday.

Michael.

I am
going.

Michael!

What
does
that
mean?

Hey-/
Michael!

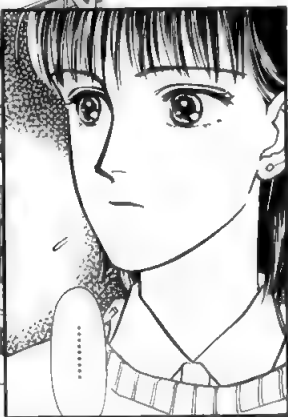
I don't
want to
talk
about
it with
Riko.



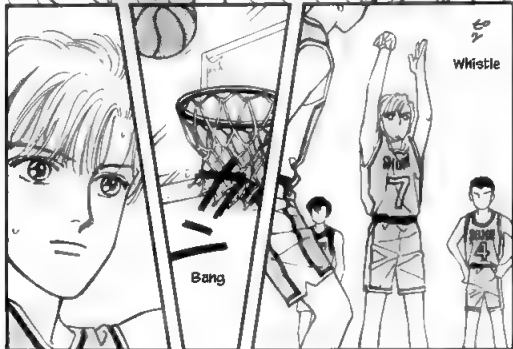
Whistle



Dad is.
same
as usual.



Run





Slap

Douto-moto.

Showtime!

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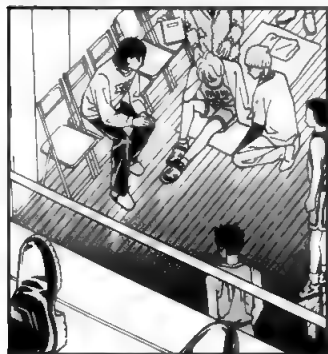
SHUJOH
7

Oh oh

Good timing.

お

おっ



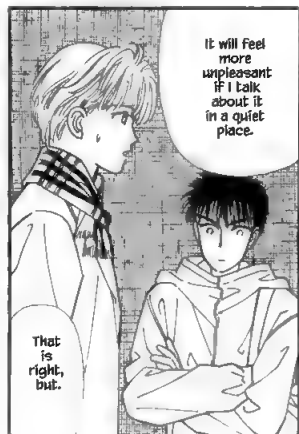
7 Junior is feeling responsible for telling him to do it in front of other people.

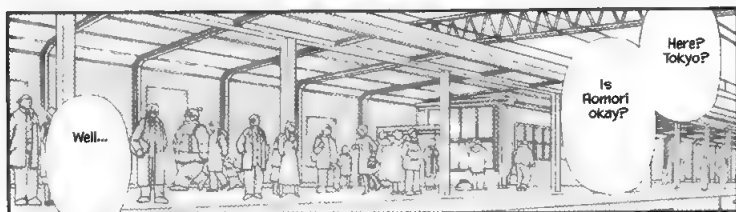


Good
job.
Then
see you
tomorrow
again.













Sfx: Push





Creak

Sannomaru!







We
should
be
careful.

It felt
dangerous
...

It
doesn't
feel like
we should
make
him
angry...



Yes?!

That
man who
Doutomoto
saw
at the
subway
...

I think
he is
the man
I met.



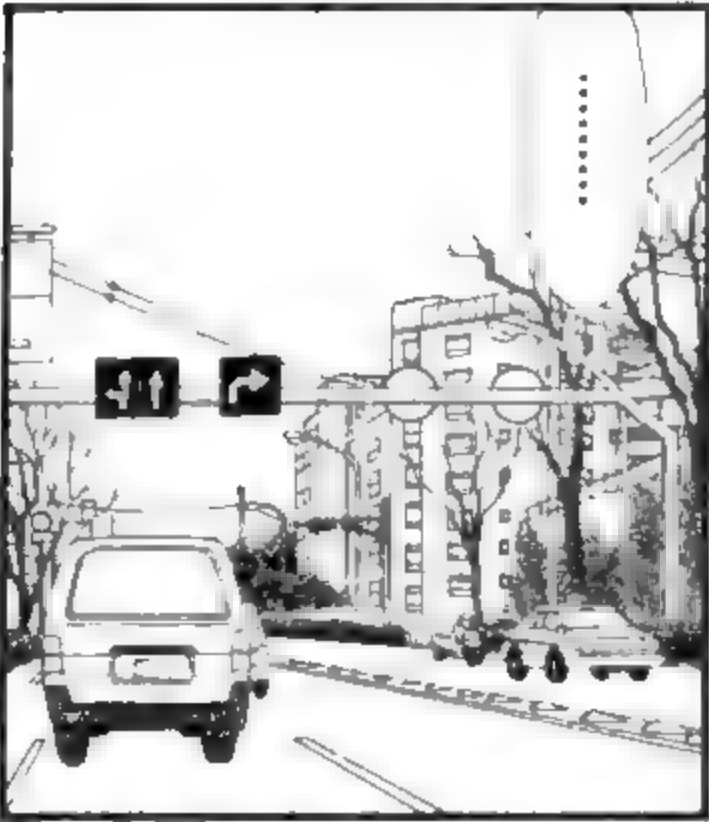
Yes.

He
came
all the
way to
Romori
?



He
came to
the shrine.
After you
guys left.

He was
looking
for
Sanno-
maru.

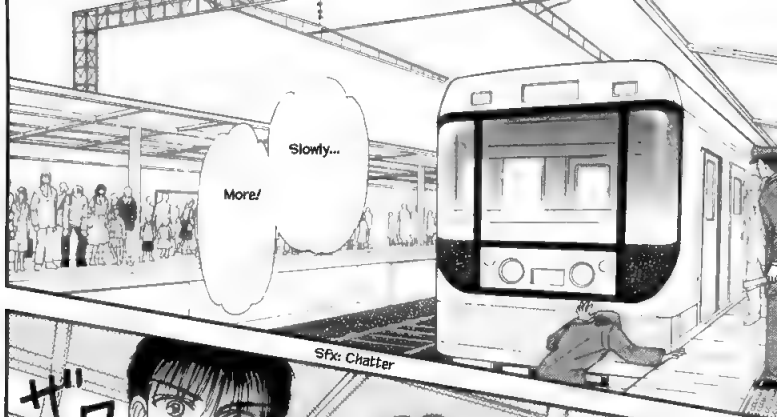


Did
he look
dange-
rous?



Beep





Slowly...

More!

Sfx: Chatter



Ah!



He is
alive.







Mi
...
Michael
...!

Sfx: Cry



Sfx: Shocked



Come
up
now!

You are
not
lucky
at all.

It is not
white.
Thank
god.

I feel
like my
hair
turned
white.

Suddenly
talking
about
such
a long
time
ago.

I am...
I am
sorry.

Bang

Uwa-
don't
come
to the
subway
anymore!

You got caught by
Oosaka at the
station too. Nothing
good happens here.

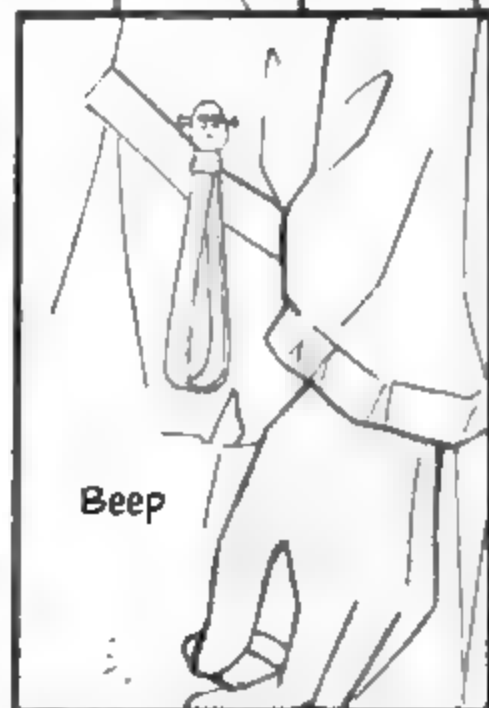
I am
okay.
I am
sorry.

Why
did
you
fall?

Did
you
get
hurt?



At the subway-













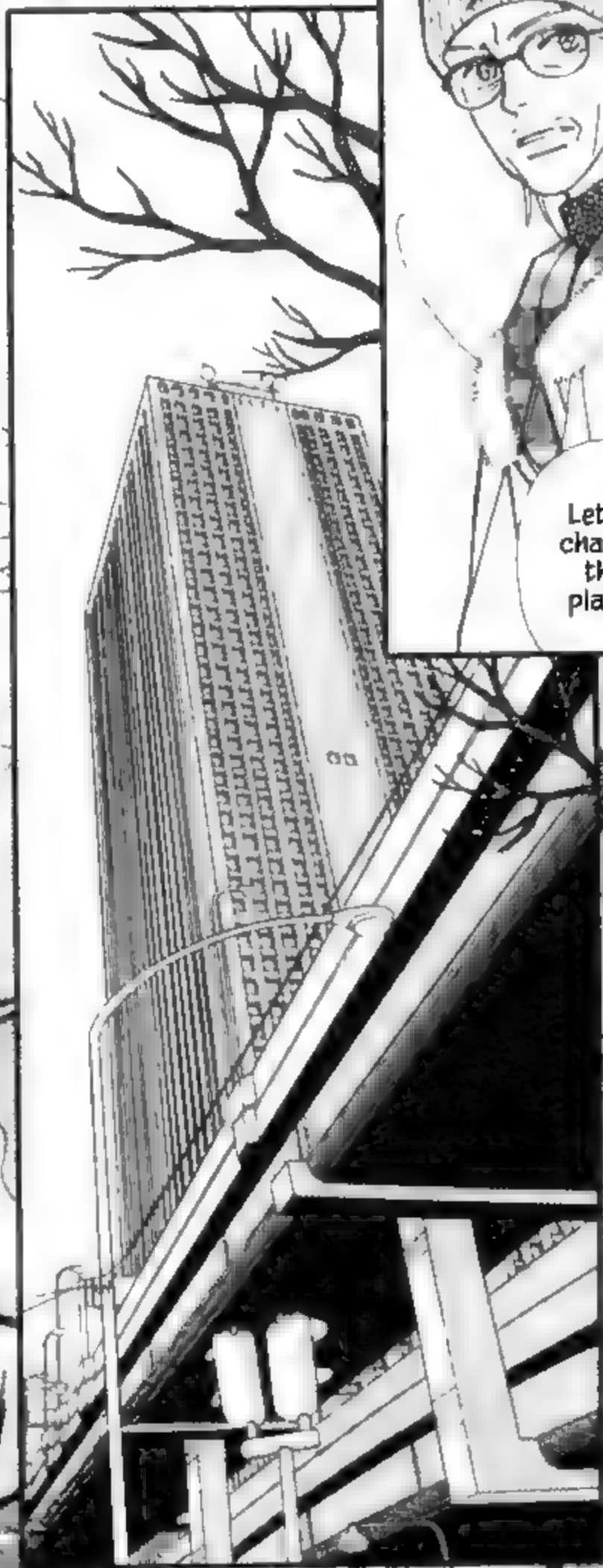
It is
some-
one,

who I have
shot before.



I knew
him
while I was
in Peru.





Wait.

Let's
change
the
place.



It's dark
and nobody
is staring
at you.

This
place is
good.







I think... he
was always
watching
me.

When
I felt
someone
staring at
me and
looked
back,
he was
there.



Was
he
being
lazy
there?

Why
?

Well.



One day
when
I was
alone.

He
talked
to me.



It was a
coincidence
that I knew
his name.

We didn't
talk much.



Fa-
bian
!





What
is
that?

Yes.

Some-
thing dan-
gerous?



There
is
some-
thing
good.

Won't
you
help?



What?

There is
a lot of
countries
where kids
carry a
gun.



No.

Did you
ask him
what
it is?



I tho-
ught
so for
the mo-
ment.

I knew
that he
carried
a gun.



If it's guerrilla activity, I heard that when you reject them, they destroy the whole village...

I thought that if I ask him, I won't be able to refuse.

So I rejected him before he told me more stuff.



When I talk about this in Japan ...

It doesn't feel real?

No, it's after the train accident ...

What?!

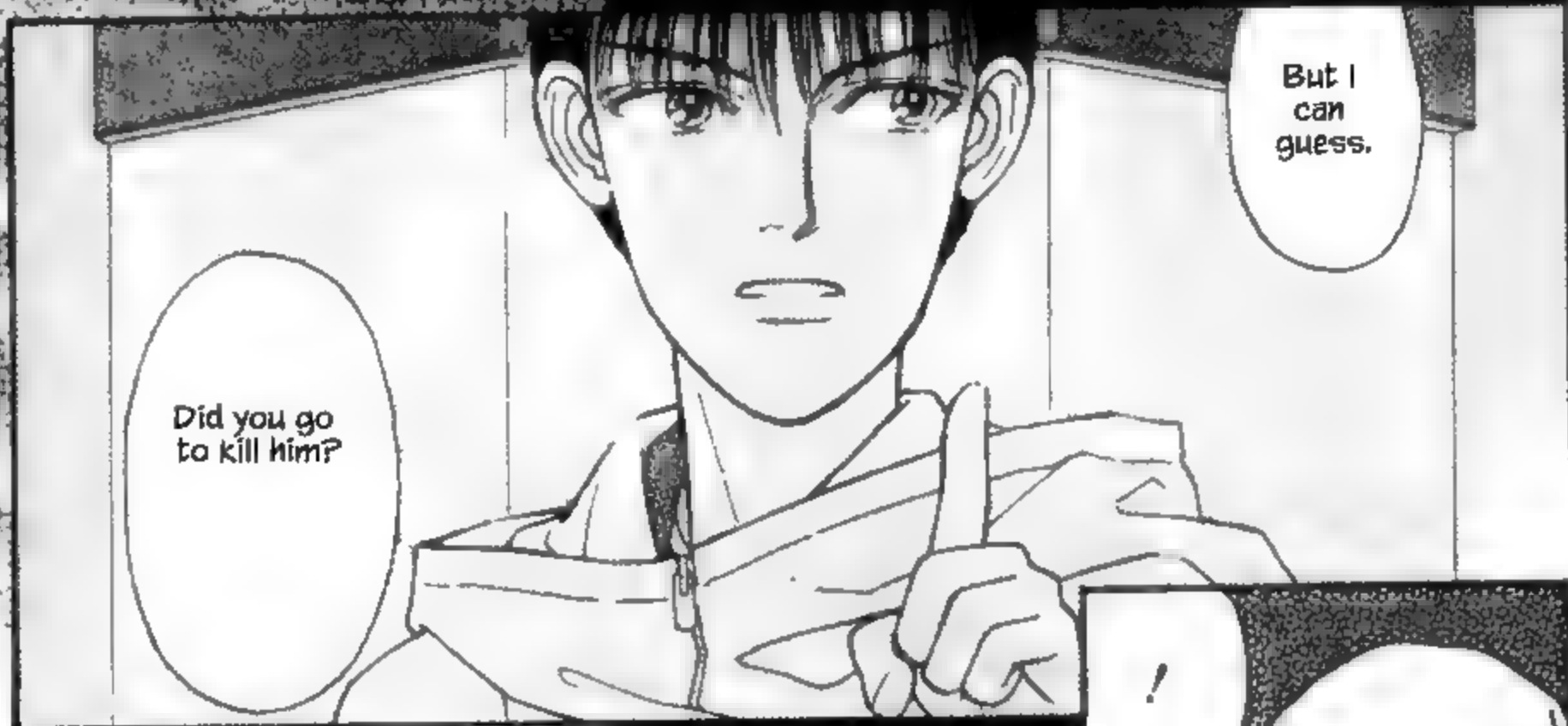
So?



Sometime after that, My father was arrested.

They said that he did the anti-government guerrilla activity.





Did you go to kill him?

But I can guess.



When I found him across the road.

He was talking about the arrest then.

He turned back this way and-



Yeah ... No.

I wanted to question him.



!

The kid of the neighborhood had a gun...



But he had a gun, so I borrowed a gun from one of the kids of the neighborhood.





If I was
there, I
would
have
stopped
you.

You
are
really
no
good.



In that
place,
another
kid was
an enemy
of the
group...

People
started
shooting
guns.

It
became
chaotic.



Stop-
ped
me?

Of
course.

You should
have met
me 6 years
earlier.



So.

Did more
useless
trouble
get
started?



Aah
...!



If I am alive, he
could revenge
against me or
my family.

In Lima,
people
think
that
I am
dead by
a
gunfight.

So my
foster
father
adopted
me and
I changed
my name
and left
the
country.



Yes.

I
couldn't
find out
more
about
him...

I thought
that
he could
be dead.



You look
refreshed
even so.



Sanno-
maru.



Then you met
him here
again and
things are
bad.

Yes.







Yes
...!



It's not
thank
god
at all.



Thank
you
for all
this.

Then
good-
bye.



No, it is
good.

But it's
dangerous.

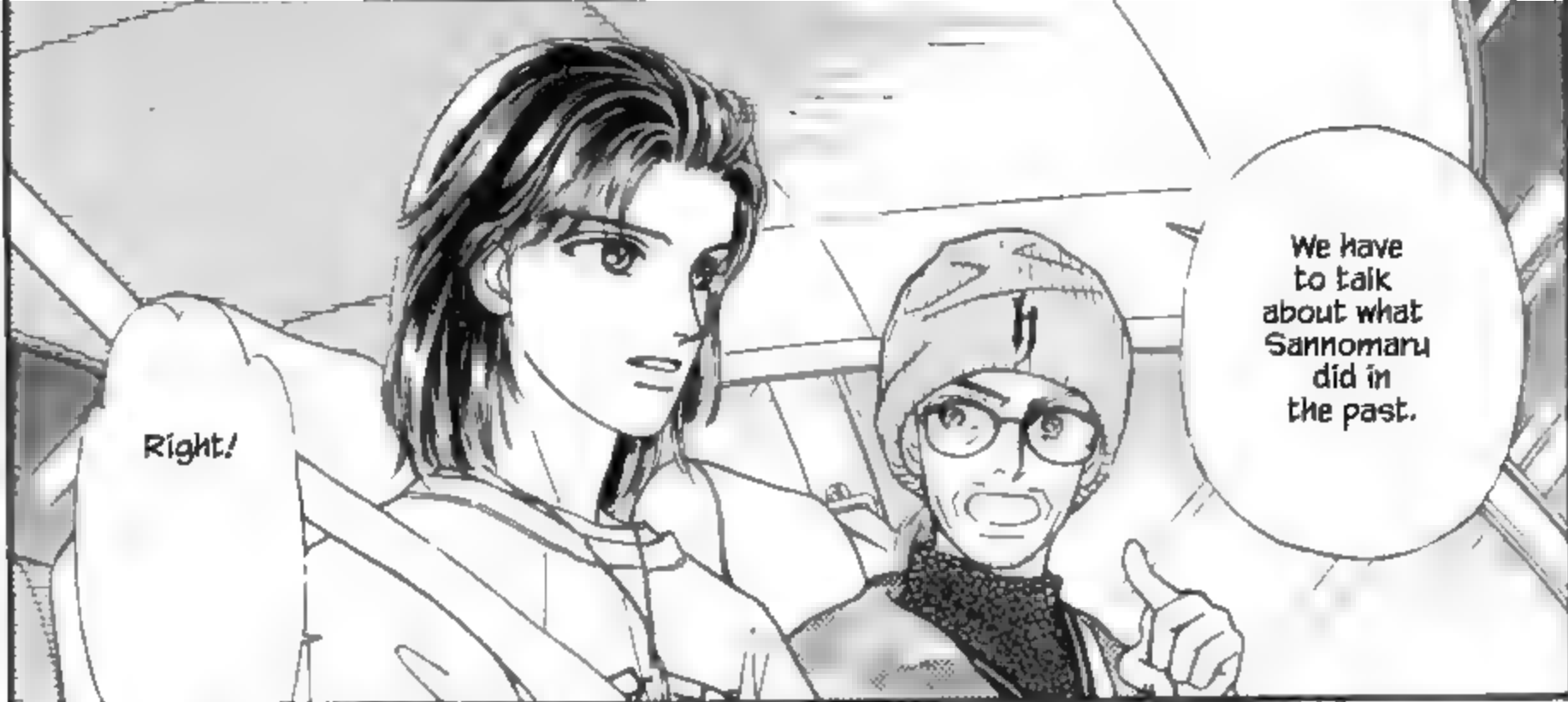


He will
try to
attack
him
again.



More
than
any-
thing.

Even if
we know,
we can't
tell the
police.



Sfx: Grab



Sfx: Clack



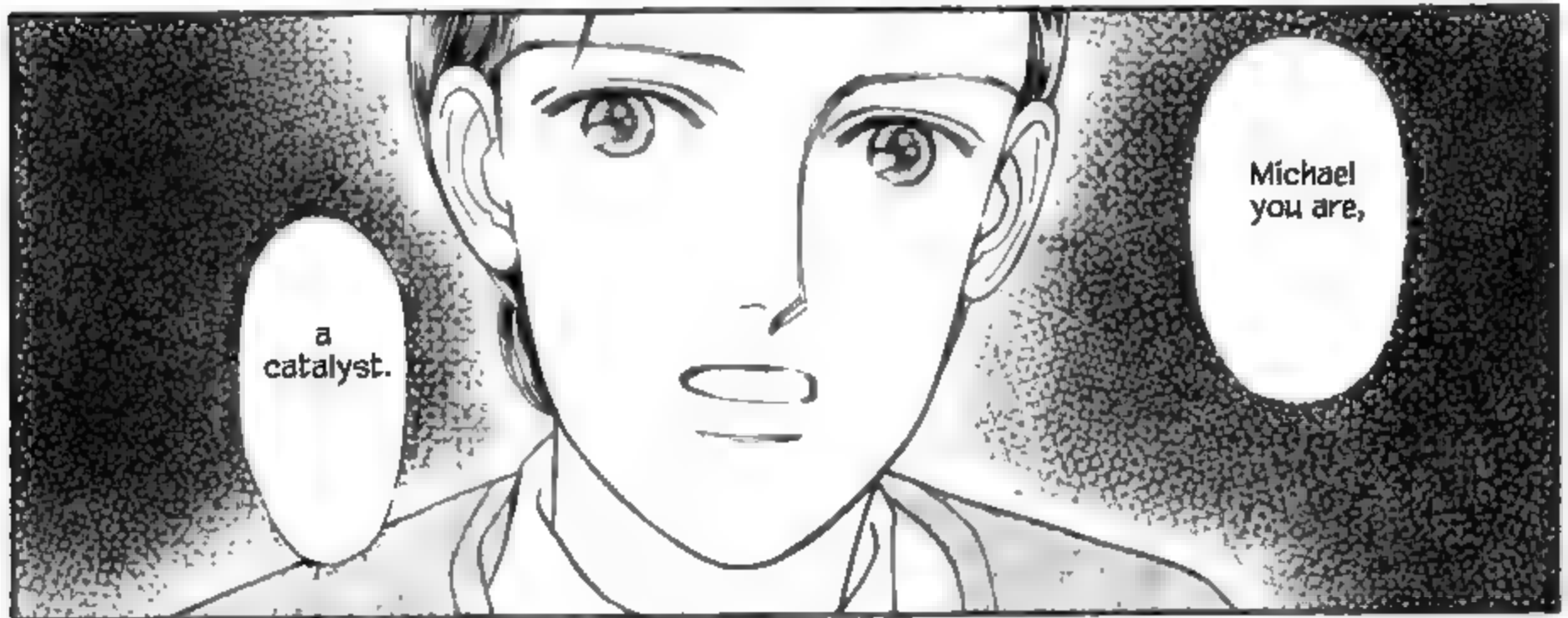


You might know.

So.



Michael



a catalyst.

It's okay if it's a good influence.

But don't go near it when it's bad.



Even if you didn't mean to,

You are a type who easily influence other people.

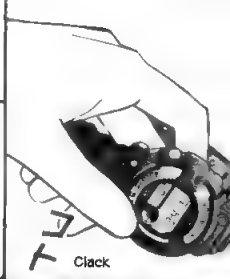
It could be hard... but try please from now.







Riko,
will
worry...



Click



Every day
which
seemed like
a dream.

It returned
to that day.

What did everybody
think after hearing that?

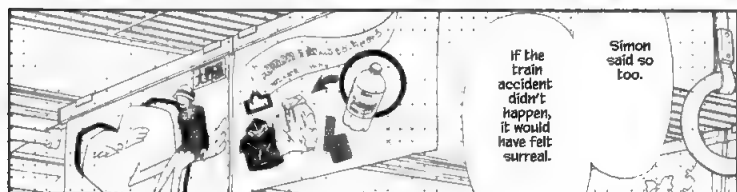
Doumoto looked
normal but...

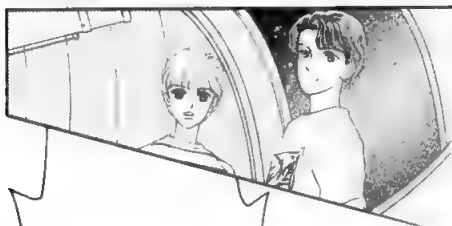




To that
day-

Rattle



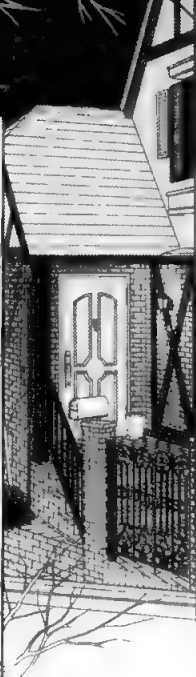


Aah-!

I am interested in Osawa, so I want to read it.

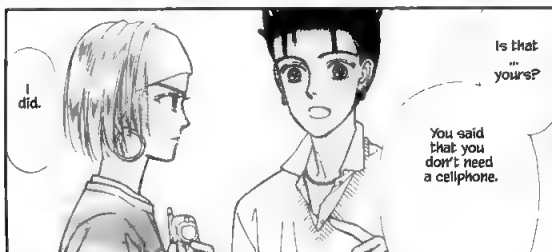
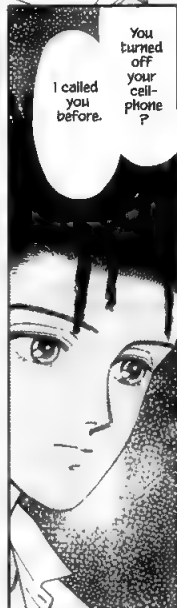


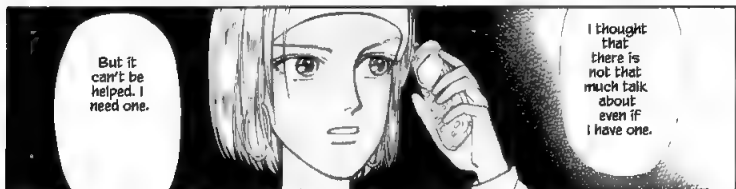






Sfx: Drop





Mom is going to marry that man no matter what.

It makes no sense.









Wow-



So.

What did you think then?



Did Junior come?

There is a lot of big basketball shoes.

Riko/Welcome home.

Sfx: Close



Something bad happened to Michael today.

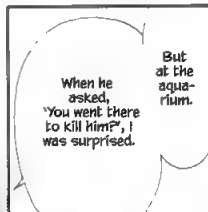
Don't be shocked and listen.

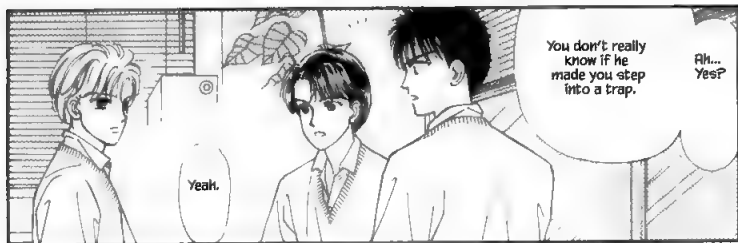


When you shot him with the gun









Yeah.

You don't really know if he made you step into a trap.

Ah... Yes?



I would feel happy even if he is not.

Then you are happy to see him alive.



Indeed.

Aah



What was it that he wanted me to do?

If he is here in neighborhood Japan to earn money... He could not be someone dangerous unexpectedly.



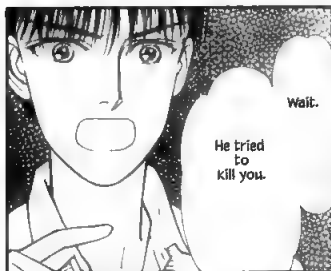
Really.

Thank god.



I want
to meet him
and talk to him
personally...

I see.



Wait.

He tried
to
kill you.



Ah...
wait,
wait.

I can't
agree!

That is
why I
want
to talk.



Huh...?

I am happy to be able to talk to Sannomaru.



But I think.

It hurts.

Don't cut me off.

I am sorry to interrupt this conversation.



Oh~ I agree to that.

Ah!

Why don't you call Junior too? You live nearby.



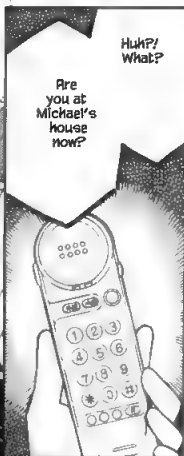
What? You are going to make me talk on the phone like this?

I think we can talk to you like this.

No.

Huh?/ What?

Are you at Michael's house now?



Osawa is actually
a breeder of beetles.



Now,
this is
350 yen,
this one is
500 yen.

He is selling
them to
neighbour-
hood
kids at a
fair price.



He takes
care of
them
after
they
buy the
beetle
too.

Do you
know
how to
feed it?
Did
it lay
eggs?



Acorn tree
mat is better.
Do you want
me to
raise it?

Some-
times
he
over-
reacts.



You
guys
...

You
are so
small.



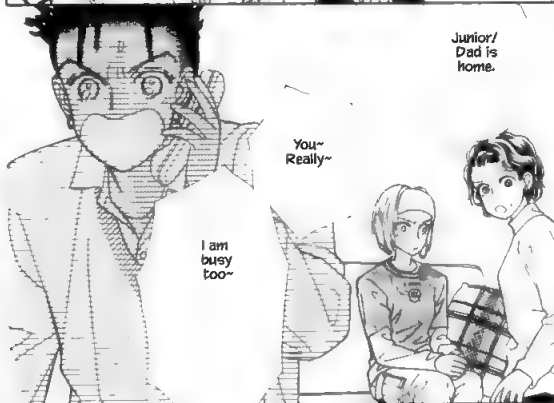
You
can't
make
dunk
shot
now~

Wow~ Junior
became small.

Junior!
Dad is
home.

You~
Really~

I am
busy
too~



Pause
for now.



Stopped.



I will go
in 10
minutes
so wait.
Don't
talk.

Pause
for
now!





What did you talk about when you came here?

Let's rewind and play.

It's a too long story to talk about everything.

How long have you been here? You guys.

Give me mustard



They must be back.

There are more of them.

This time it's really Junior.

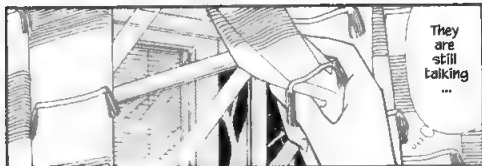




For
coming.

Thank
you.





They
are
still
talking
...



About
train
incident,
I want
to hear
from
him and
talk to
him.



I can't
even
dream
about
the
truth.

When did
it start?

Michael is not
talking to
me much
about
himself...

I can't see
what is bad.

Then.
Maybe
...





Today
afternoon,
a boy
fell on the
subway
train
railway.

So the
train was
stopped
for
some
time.

Thankfully
the
boy was
safe.



The police
think of
this as
attempted
murder
and are
under
investigation.



Sfx: Crack



He will try to
attack you again.







Hey.

Sanno-
maru.

Mm

Wake
up





Why...
why is
Simon in
my house
?!

I can't move
my body.

No!/? What
happened!

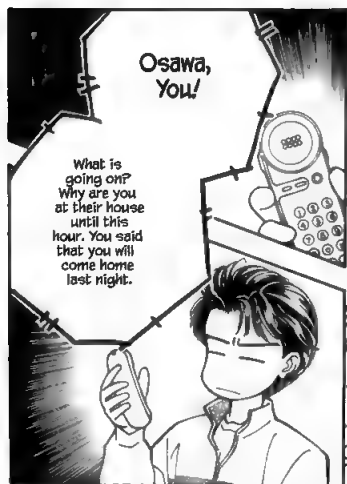
Con-
fused
for a
moment.

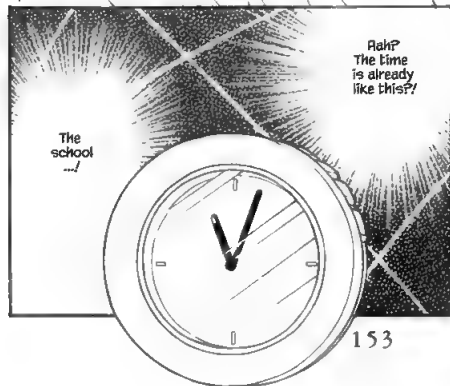
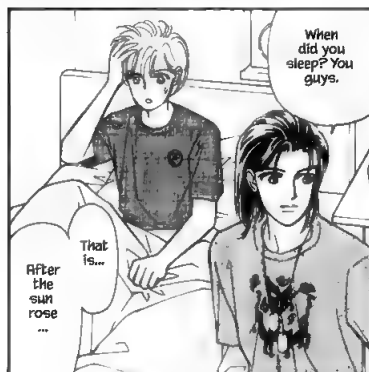


Everybody
slept here.

Ah

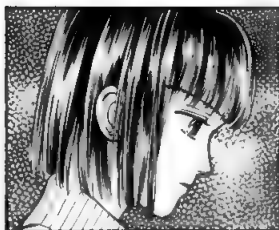
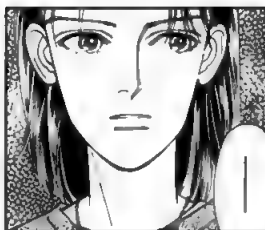
Yes



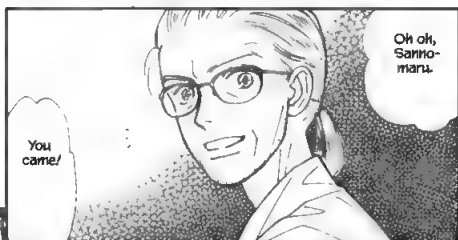


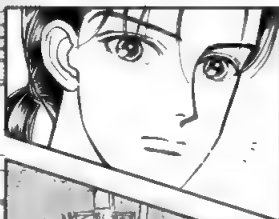


I added an assistant's diary this time.
How was it?
(The person who drew is our assistant A. Thank you.)
So, this story is near the end and on the next volume, you can see the start of the final scene.
I wanted to change Simon's part-time job and make him pull a cart, but I guess it might not be possible?
Anyway, I am drawing this, so it won't be a dark ending.
Then see you in the next volume. I will cheerfully draw it!











When you see
someone
standing up, I
heard that
you can
feel his
skill level.

It might
be true.

Why
are
you
zoning
out
at me?



I guessed that might happen.
But maybe I was able to talk about it because he is like that...



Simon has not changed, and it is kind of boring.

Even after hearing yesterday's talk.

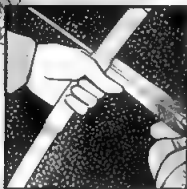




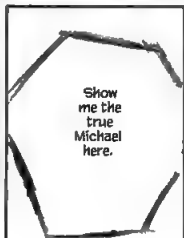
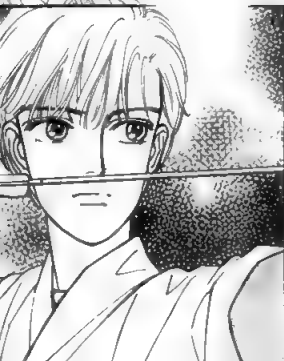
But... what happened.

I feel like I forgot something important-

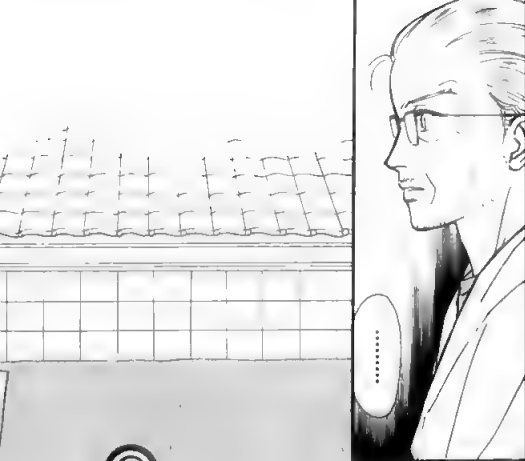
I feel like I haven't talked about everything.



What is everything about myself ...?

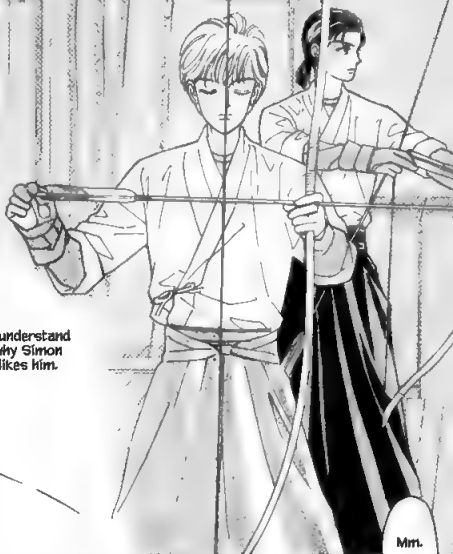








I understand
why Simon
likes him.



Mm.

You don't
want to
return to
Romori?

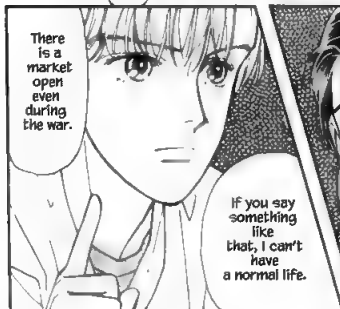
I want
him to
play more
archery,
Basketball
too...

That is a
luxurious
worry,
father.

Sanno-
maru
is...

Does he
have good
sense? Or
his focus...

Mm
...





Then it
will be
a night.

Did
you
call
me
?

Only
two
people
can
ride in
Simon's
car...

So take
your
grandfather
home.

It's okay.
Teacher
Takashi
will go
home too.

Sfx: Vraooooom



What about
Takashi? Is
he going
on riding
the roasted
sweet potato
van?

I can go
to him and
return
his car
straight
away!

But.

It was
nice to
borrow
Takashi's
car.

I can
go
home
at
night.



OK.

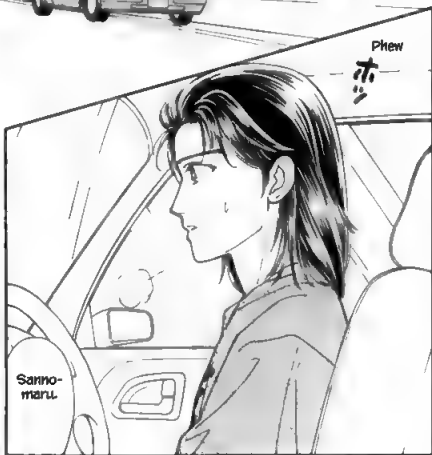
Look
outside.

He must
not have
gone very
far.



Wait,
Sannomaru!

Hey!







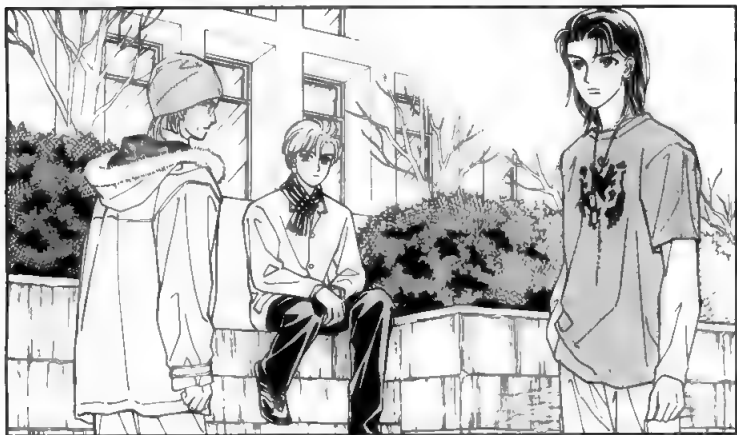
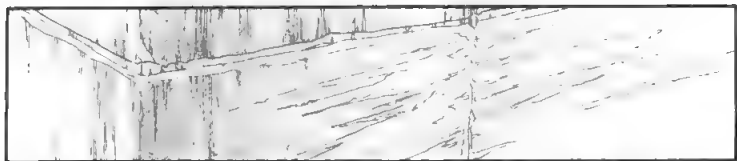




Fabian

...





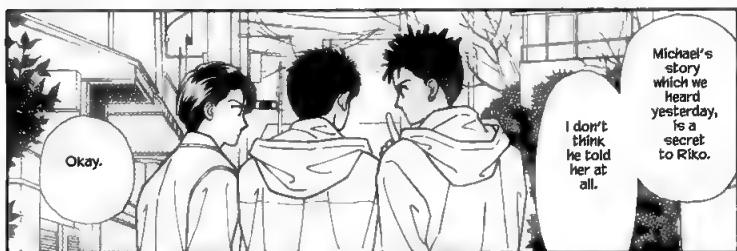
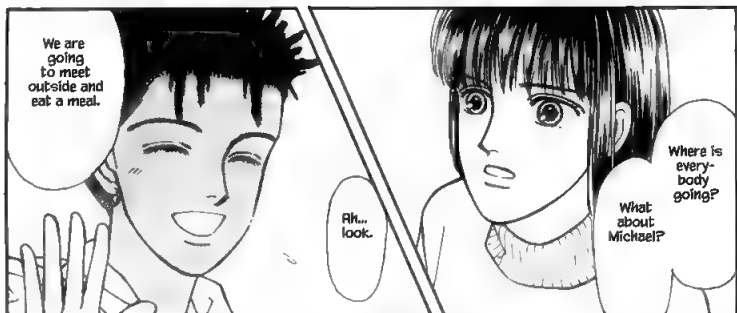
Junior?
The plan
changed.

Please
come to the
front of the
station.



Sfx: Open







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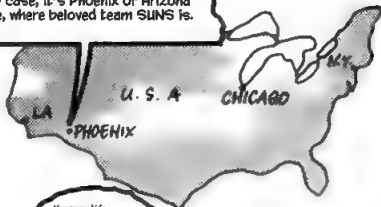
NBA, it's fun to watch it at home!

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When you have a favorite team and player, let's go see it at their home ground! There is a tour company that gives you a customized tour for the team that you like, so if you go by that tour company, it's very comfortable. When you have a tour, you can meet friends who cheer for the same team. If you like the same team, you become friends quickly.

In my case, it's Phoenix of Arizona state, where beloved team SUNS is.



Phoenix is in a state of Arizona and my cousin coincidentally goes to Arizona university. It is hot because it's the middle of the desert and the weather is dry. It is a famous spot for a winter vacation for rich people. The town is very safe and people are very cheerful. And all the town loves the basketball team. You can feel that the team that you love is loved by the townspeople. That is my hometown. There is nothing which can make me happier (I am joyful-/-).

You know this place even when I don't tell you.

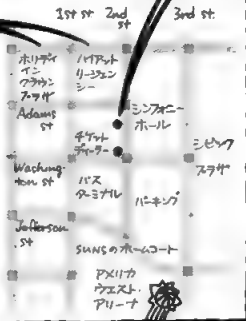
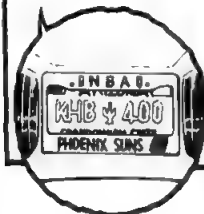
Majerle's

Majerle's sports grill. The restaurant which Dan Majerle of NBA runs.



The arena looks like this, so when you get a photo nearby, you can walk there.

But stop and buses have a photo of the players on it, and a normal car plate even looks like this. That is good.



It is always very busy, but there is a lot of space, so no worries. (Sometimes they ask you for identification so bring your passport). This place is yummy and when you go there for three days, you can meet some players. A restaurant that makes you shoot two birds with one stone! Until now I met Ceballos, West, Johnson, Green. And Majerle. I saw him many times (Recently my grateful heart vanished). Some people even met Charles. Some dancers and bodyguards use this restaurant to have a meeting too. The cheap menu is fun!

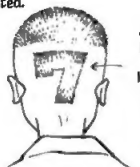
SUNS' Homecourt, America West Marina is a new building and very clean. When it's a good fight, there is a pierrot and face paint team and band on the entrance, and they make the vibe hot. The customers come here happily and inside there is a lot of neon light, so it is like Disney land. I went to other arenas too, but this Arena is the most fun.



The mascot of the team SUNS. The gorilla is the most popular character in the league! There are different cheer girls for the team, but this team's dancer is always energetic and very cute. In last season, there was a dance like this too. Blues brother's style.

She is a woman but dressed like this.
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I found a kid who is cool and highly motivated.



He shaved his hair and left this mark on his head.

He has the same hairstyle as his favorite player KJ and the player's uniform number is on his head! I like KJ too, but I lose to you...

And what makes me most happy is that I can see the energetic play. I can see everything which the tv doesn't show! I can feel it more near me.

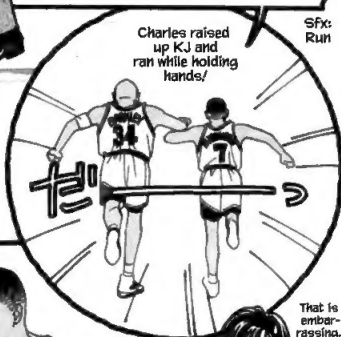
Even when they are playing a game, The players do a lot of funny stuff. When I saw it personally I thought, 'What- They are friendly' and I felt relieved. When I watch them, they are really professional players, but they look like boy students of the basketball club. Some boys like basketball very much and some fans are proud of them. That is home court. At home, the players fight without getting nervous and the staff of the team and fans cheer them on to make them win! They are full of energy. If you have a favorite player, you must watch them at home court! When you go and see, you will be proud of the teams like those townspeople.

KJ is trying to look like a bodybuilder and made his trainer laugh.

He is a lot of fun.



Clench



Charles raised up KJ and ran while holding hands!

Sfx: Run

That is embarrassing. They are both grown men.



It will be faster if they don't hold hands.

Next month is the SUNS opening game report! I will tell you more about the players!

★★ U.S.A REPORT BY MINAKO NARITA ★★

No.1 Boys'n America

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Finally all season has opened but...



From this November, NBA season 94 - 95 has started. From now and until April, there will be tournaments. Of course, I wanted to see the SUNS match, so I came to see the first match with them. To Sacramento of California state! Ah, you just thought "Where is that?". It is here, here! So they are fighting with the team called Kings. (If this didn't happen, I might have never gone there...) This is the birthplace of Kevin Johnson (KJ) so he is an enemy player, but he was welcomed with applause. But our team (I mean SUNS) we are friendly, but we don't unite when we fight.



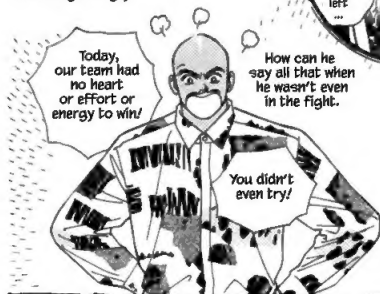
They win with amazing power when there is cooperation, but when they don't cooperate, they lose amazingly... (It could be good or bad. They do whatever they want).

This day became a match like that too.

During the Free season, KJ and AC seemed to get hurt. And one other player was sick. Charles was sick and couldn't play (He had muscle pain and body lotion got into his eyes and it was infected. Sigh~) And another player got hurt during the fight, and the rule changed a little from this season, so they lost a lot of foul in the first half, so they lost spectacularly. King's fan felt so much joy. The opening game is a festival!

After the kings' fight.

Charles got angry.

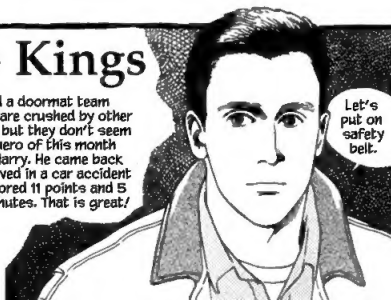


The Sacramento King's symbol changed from this season. Isn't that cool? It's the best thing to use on a trouser.



Sacramento Kings

They were called a doormat team (A weak team who are crushed by other teams) until now, but they don't seem like it now. The hero of this month has been Bobby Harry. He came back after getting involved in a car accident last year, and scored 11 points and 5 assists in 23 minutes. That is great!

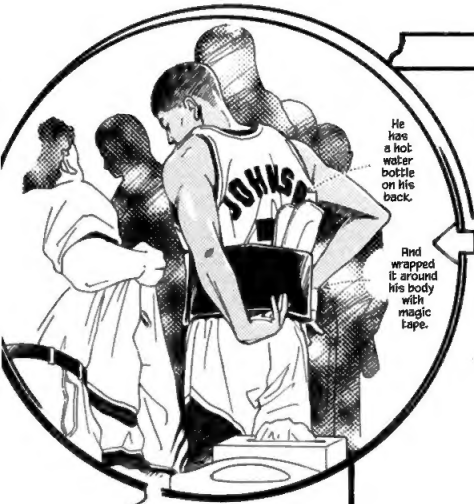


And again Phoenix.

After finishing the Kings match on the 4th of November, the next SUNS match is on the 6th. Hit match on home court at Phoenix. The players move like this and have a match in this way. That must be hard! This match was the opening game in their home court. Luckily, I could see them right behind the SUNS player's bench. I was surprised to see them nearby.

KJ has a band around his back.

He must have been wounded seriously, he kept getting a steam massage after he came back to the bench. I tried to pray for his health without realizing it, but it didn't seem to reach him. (After that he was on the wounded player list). But they were behind 14 points, and they turned it around in the 3rd quarter. SUNS won for 119 against 107. When they won, KJ said 'I don't like what Charles said (Right bottom picture), so I felt nervous for a while, but Charlie's daughter Christina loves KJ very much, so they are friendly. This could be why children can be a connection between people.



He has a hot water bottle on his back.

And wrapped it around his body with magic tape.



MIAMI HEAT

Miami heat is the team of Miami as its name shows. (You know Miami? It's in Florida state) It was created in 88, but they never won against SUNS. They lost again. On the next day of this game, two players suddenly got traded into another team called Atlanta Hawks!

That word is used for couples.

ugh



Christina 5 years old.

His wound must hurt very much.

KJ is used to her like she is his child.

There is a lot of talks about injury, but in the USA's arena, there are always places where wheelchairs can get in. The USA west arena has 2 floors. I thought that what if someone wants to sit more closely and not sit on the 2nd floor? But before the match and during half time, they went to the backcourt which only staff can enter and they were taking photos with the players. KJ was very kind.

Like this, until next year 23rd of February, the players keep moving around. What about their score then? This year had a match at the home court, so it was fun! Asahi also has a match once every month, so you could check there too.

I like Harold Miner a little.

Some players overcome their injury or sickness, and I get a lot cheered up when I see this. I love the NBA of the USA because of this.

Michael Jordan even came today to see the match. (I didn't know!)

